

which makes it void. The Presidency of the Senate is being hotly contested for by the friends of leading Senators. Mr. Williams, Mr. J. W. Taylor, and Mr. Erick are most prominent.

It is said that Mr. Erick's advocates have secured eight votes, and that Mr. Taylor has six, while Mr. Williams' friends rely largely upon the expected division in the caucus vote of the Republican members, to run in their candidate. For the Speakership of the House, the candidates are too numerous to be named. Messrs. Farrier and Livingston, of Jersey City, and Mr. Borton, of Burlington, are often mentioned in connection with the position, but it is thought likely that the Essex County delegation will unite upon some one of their number and carry him through the caucus.

For the lower offices of the Senate and Assembly the contestants are warming over the State, button-holing members and soliciting votes. It is probable that the official staff will be made up entirely of new men.

Among the bills to be presented are many of wide public interest. The Railroad and "Land Improvement" bills are numerous enough to satisfy the most ardent advocate of internal development. From Monmouth County a bill will be presented asking for the consolidation of a railroad from the Highlands of Nevern to Keyport, a road that is much needed to develop that interesting region. Application is also to be made for authority to consolidate or lease the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad, the Farmingdale and Squam Village Railroad, and the Squam and Freehold Mail Company, for an act to charter a railroad from New Brunswick to connect with some railroad in the County of Union; for authority for the Freehold and Jamesburg Agricultural Railroad to sell that part of the road which runs between Jersey City and Monmouth Junction; for a charter for a narrow-gauge railroad from Trenton to Jersey City, with the privilege of building a branch from Newton to Camden, and to increase the capital to \$10,000,000, and for a charter for a railroad running from Westville, in Salem County, to Camden.

There are dozens of schemes for new banking and loan associations, turnpike companies, and gas and water companies, and the bills introduced asking for the formation of new companies are, as usual, numerous and well supported. Bills of this character have always failed of a majority, and it is presumed that they will have no better fortune this winter.

**THE OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE VOTE OF NEW JERSEY.**—The *Trenton Gazette* publishes the full official vote of New Jersey on members of Legislature by townships and wards, and says:

The following summary exhibits the majorities on the legislative ticket by counties:

Counties.	Republican majority.	Democratic majority.
Atlantic.....	129	54
Bergen.....	104	104
Burlington.....	256	256
Camden.....	207	207
Capit May.....	807	807
Cumberland.....	207	207
Essex.....	207	207
Gloucester.....	207	207
Hudson.....	207	207
Monmouth.....	207	207
Middlesex.....	207	207
Monmouth.....	207	207
Morris.....	207	207
Passaic.....	207	207
Somerset.....	207	207
Sussex.....	207	207
Union.....	207	207
Warren.....	207	207
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>13,921</b>	<b>3,679</b>

The aggregate Republican majority in the State is 10,250 votes. This is undoubtedly the largest majority ever received by any party in this State on the legislative ticket.

## OBITUARY.

In the death of Mrs. ISRAEL C. WARD we lose a woman of no ordinary character, although her days were passed in the ordinary walks of life. Her influence, beginning in her family, was felt by a much larger circle; and many to-day show by their upright life the result of her words and example. For eleven years the Secretary of the Maternal Association, which, while in existence, numbered among its members such women as Mrs. Harriet B. Cooke, Mrs. E. Seymour and Mrs. C. Peloubet, her annual reports show how broad were the views taken of a mother's work, and how intelligent and earnest were her teachings. Many of us recollect with gratitude her wise counsel, and her desire that we should be useful Christian men and women.

Her intellectual powers were of no mean order; and, had she chosen to enter on a public literary life, she would, no doubt, have attained a high position.

But she preferred the home circle, not confining herself to it, however, as her labors in the Sunday School, Maternal Association, Female prayer meetings, Missionary Societies, and the cause of the orphan, bear witness. The life of such a woman stands in beautiful contrast to that of the one who spends her time and best energies, that her family may conform to the latest fashion, or be engaged in the pursuit of pleasure.

Rev. GEORGE H. HOLDS died of paralysis on the 21st inst., at his home in Bloomfield, N. J., having borne with true patience and resignation an unremitted illness of more than two years. He was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Dec. 23, 1804, and first preached at Weston, Ct., and afterward at Orrington, Me. From here he was called to the charge of the Presbyterian Church of Onondaga Valley, N. Y., which continued from 1841 to 1846, when the relation, which had been a happy one to both pastor and people, was dissolved. He was then called to the editorial management of the *Religious Recorder*, a Presbyterian paper at Syracuse. His position here enabled him to take a prominent part in extending Presbyterianism in Central and Western New York.

The *Recorder* was finally merged in the *New York Evangelist*, and Mr. H. was for a year or two connected with this paper. During this time he won greatly our respect by his good judgment and Christian spirit. In 1866 he removed to Bloomfield, N. J. Here he has since resided, never regaining sufficient health to enter actively upon the ministry, but always in warm sympathy with the efforts put forth to extend his Master's kingdom. —*Ed. Evangelist.*

## MARRIED.

ENGLISH-BATELLE.—On Thursday, Dec. 26, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. M. Ensign, Chas. M. Ensign, to Christina F., daughter of Mr. George Bateille, all of Bloomfield.

## DIED.

PEACOCK.—At Bloomfield, N. J., Dec. 31, of consumption, John B. Peacock, Jr., son of G. R. and M. A. Peacock, in the 36th year of his age. Funeral on Friday, 3d inst., at 1 o'clock, from the North Baptist Church, New York.

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